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SUBJECT:ANTARCTIC TREATY: INVITATION TO MEETING OF EXPERTS
ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, WASHINGTON, D.C.
JUNE 19-23, 1978

1. ON MARCH 31 DEPARTMENT SENT FOLLOWING CIRCULAR
NOTE TO THE EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON OF ANTARCTIC TREATY

CONSULTATIVE PARTIES INVITING THE CONSULTATIVE PARTIES
TO SEND EXPERTS TO THE SUBJECT MEETING:

QUOTE:

THE SECRETARY OF STATE PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS
TO THEIR EXCELLENCIES, MESSIEURS AND MESDAMES THE
CHIEFS OF MISSION OF THE GOVERNMENTS WHOSE REPRESENTA-
TIVES PARTICIPATED IN THE NINTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING
UNDER THE ANTARCTIC TREATY HELD IN LONDON FROM SEPTEMBER
19 TO OCTOBER 7, 1977, AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO
RECOMMENDATION IX-3 OF THAT MEETING WHICH IS CON-
CERNED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
IN THE ANTARCTIC.

THE ATTENTION OF THE CHIEFS OF MISSION IS DRAWN TO
THE TEXT OF RECOMMENDATION IX-3, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

IMPROVEMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN THE ANTARCTIC

THE REPRESENTATIVES,

CONSIDERING THAT REQUIREMENTS IN THE FIELD OF TELE-
COMMUNICATIONS AS REGARDS COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION
OF METEOROLOGICAL DATA, AND THE NEED FOR SCIENTIFIC, AD-
MINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL TRAFFIC HAVE DEVELOPED SUB-
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STANTIALY SINCE THE SECOND TELECOMMUNICATIONS MEETING
OF EXPERTS OF THE CONSULTATIVE PARTIES HELD IN BUENOS
AIRES IN 1969;

CONSIDERING THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDA-
TION VI-1 AND VII-7, AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMMES
OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION, PARTICULARLY
THE WORLD WEATHER WATCH, REQUIRE A THOROUGH REVIEW AND
IMPROVEMENT OF THE NETWORK OPERATING IN THE ANTARCTIC;

RECOMMEND TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS THAT THEY:

1. COMPILE COMPREHENSIVE DATA, EACH FOR ITS OWN
PART, ON THE TYPES OF TRAFFIC, MODES OF TRANSMISSION,
TIMING, FREQUENCIES OF THEIR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SCHEDULES
AND CURRENT EQUIPMENT OF THEIR TELECOMMUNICATIONS PRO-
GRAMMES IN THE ANTARCTIC, AS WELL AS ON PROJECTS IN THE
PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS, IN
PARTICULAR BY DESIGNATING, WHERE APPROPRIATE, STATIONS
CAPABLE OF REPLACING OTHERS IN THE EVENT OF BREAKDOWN;

2. FORWARD ALL SUCH DATA TO EACH OF OTHER CONSUL-

TATIVE PARTIES VIA DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS ON THE ONE HAND
AND ON THE OTHER BY DIRECT DESPATCH TO THE DEPARTMENTS
CONCERNED;

3. ARRANGE FOR A MEETING OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
EXPERTS TO BE HELD, ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE HOST COUNTRY, BEFORE THE TENTH CONSULTATIVE
MEETING, TO ANALYSE THE DATA THUS COMPILED, SUGGEST
DESIRABLE MEASURES OF HARMONISATION AND PUT FORWARD
RECOMMENDATIONS ON IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE IN THE OP-
ERATION OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK IN THE
ANTARCTIC.

4. REQUEST SCAR THROUGH THEIR NATIONAL ANTARCTIC
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COMMITTEES TO UNDERTAKE, AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY,
A STUDY OF THE MOST RECENT APPLICATIONS OF SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY TO THE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OF THE ANT-
ARCTIC IN THE FIELD OF PROPAGATION OF RADIO WAVES,
AND TO PASS ON ITS CONCLUSIONS TO THE CONSULTATIVE
PARTIES PRIOR TO THEIR TENTH MEETING OR IF NECESSARY
TO THE NEXT CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROPOSAL OF PARAGRAPH 3
OF RECOMMENDATION IX-3 AND ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WHICH WILL BE HOST FOR
THE TENTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING, THE SECRETARY OF STATE
REQUESTS THE CHIEFS OF MISSION TO CONVEY THE INVITATION
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO
THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO SEND EXPERTS IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS
TO A MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON JUNE 19 THROUGH 23, 1978,
TO DEAL WITH THE TASKS SET FORTH IN RECOMMENDATION
IX-3.

THE MEETING WILL BE CONVENED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
RECOMMENDATION IV-24, WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE ON
OCTOBER 30, 1968. THE TEXT OF THAT RECOMMENDATION
READS AS FOLLOWS:

MEETINGS OF EXPERTS

THE REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMEND TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS
THAT:

1. MEETINGS OF EXPERTS BE CONVENED FROM TIME TO
TIME AS THE NEED ARISES TO DISCUSS PRACTICAL PROBLEMS
RELATING TO ANTARCTIC ACTIVITIES. SUCH MEETINGS
WOULD BE ATTENDED BY EXPERTS FROM CONSULTATIVE PARTIES.
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WITH THE AGREEMENT OF ALL THE CONSULTATIVE PARTIES, OTHER EXPERTS MAY BE INVITED TO ATTEND. THEY MAY SUBMIT DOCUMENTS AND MAKE STATEMENTS, BUT THEY MAY NOT VOTE.

2. SUCH MEETINGS BE CONVENED AND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE BE ESTABLISHED EITHER AT CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS OR AS A RESULT OF AGREEMENT REACHED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AMONG ALL THE CONSULTATIVE PARTIES.

3. THE HOST GOVERNMENT CIRCULATE A REPORT CONCERNING THE MEETING OF EXPERTS TO ALL THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.

4. THE REPORT OF THE MEETING OF EXPERTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO A SUBSEQUENT CONSULTATIVE MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION EXCEPT WHEN THE CONSULTATIVE PARTIES HAVE AGREED OTHERWISE.

IN THIS REGARD, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WISHES TO NOTE ITS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE REQUIREMENT FOR TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A MEETING OF EXPERTS, CALLED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF RECOMMENDATION IV-24, IS MET BY RECOMMENDATION IX-3 AND THE REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS THAT WAS HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE NINTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING.

TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO PREPARE FOR THE MEETING, GOVERNMENTS ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE BY MAY 15, 1978 THE NAMES AND POSITIONS OF THE EXPERTS WHO WILL REPRESENT THEM AT THE MEETING.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

WASHINGTON, MARCH 31, 1978. END QUOTE

2. ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD INFORMALLY NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE WORKING LEVEL MFA OFFICIALS OF THE INVITATION
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AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, FURNISH THEM WITH A COPY OF THE CIRCULAR NOTE DISTRIBUTED IN WASHINGTON, AND INDICATE THAT AN EARLY RESPONSE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

3. MFA OFFICIALS SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMED THAT WE ARE PLANNING TO HOLD THE MEETING IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ONLY.

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